

## **Element Performance Inspection (EPI)**

### **3.2.3 MEL / CDL Procedures (OP)**

#### **Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):**

To operate an aircraft safely within limitations with specific inoperable instruments or equipment and specific missing CDL items.

#### **Objective (FAA responsibility):**

To determine if the Air Carrier adheres to its approved MEL / CDL Procedures.

#### **Specific Instructions for this EPI:**

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector should be familiar with the Air Carrier's MEL / CDL procedures.

#### **Related EPIs:**

- 2.1.1 Manual Currency (AW / OP)
- 2.1.3 Distribution (Manuals) (AW / OP)
- 2.1.4 Availability (Manuals) (AW / OP)
- 3.1.3 Airmen Duties / Flight Deck Procedures (OP)
- 3.2.1 Dispatch / Flight Release (OP)

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*To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):*

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review the Manuals related to the MEL / CDL Procedures.
4. Inspect and assess the results of the MEL / CDL Procedures.
5. Review and assess appropriate records of the MEL / CDL Procedures.

*To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:*

1. Were the following performance measures met:

<i>1.1 The Air Carrier operated in accordance with its approved MEL or CDL.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
<i>1.2 The releases reflect all MEL / CDL items.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
<i>1.3 The MEL items are within their categorical time limits.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
<i>1.4 Flight crews reviewed the logbook for MEL / CDL items.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
<i>1.5 MEL items were placarded.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
<i>1.6 The MEL is current and approved.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
2. Were all other MEL / CDL procedures followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
3. Were MEL / CDL controls followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**SRRs:**

- 14 CFR 121.628 (a, b), “Inoperable instruments and equipment.”

**Other CFRs and FAA Guidance:**

- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 4, Sect. 5, “Maintenance and Minimum Equipment List for U. S. registered aircraft.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 8, Sect. 1, Par. 1491, “Use of MEL and CDL.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 4, Chap. 4, “Minimum Equipment Lists (MEL) and Configuration Deviation Lists (CDL).”
- HBAAT 98-18 and HBAW 98-09, “Air Carrier Manual Instructions Concerning Minimum Equipment List Conditions and Limitations.”
- Federal Register, 56 FR 12306, “Minimum Equipment List (MEL) Requirements.” Vol. 56, No. 56; Mar. 22, 1991.
- Federal Register, 56 FR 14290, “Minimum Equipment List (MEL) Requirements.” Vol. 56, No. 67; Apr. 8, 1991.
- Legal Interpretations:
  - 4/17/97 to Mr. Charles Lewis: FAA interpretation of 14 CFR 121.628.
  - 3/5/92 to Mr. Ben P. Planchon: FAA interpretation of FAR 121.133(b).
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).